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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

NICO CERLETTI

APPLICATION NO: 09/813,271

FILED: MARCH 20, 2001

FOR: NEW PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF BIOLOGICALLY
ACTIVE PROTEIN

Art Unit: 1644

Examiner: D. Romeo

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of October 23, 2003 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on January 23, 2004. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

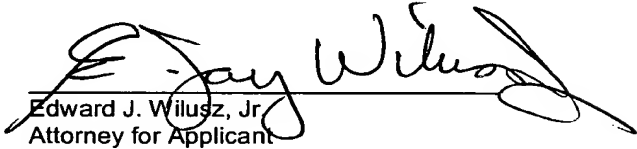
Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$950 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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